

Animals Activities for Monday

On the Move

Sheep Herding:

The sheep have escaped! Get all of them back into the barn. (Great for indoor or outdoor play)

Materials:

- Balloons or lightweight balls
- Laundry basket or large plastic container
- Fly Swatter

Instructions:

1. Blow up balloons into various sizes (or use balls).
2. Set up the "barn" (laundry basket on it's side) in a cleared area.
3. Instruct your toddler to get all of the sheep back into the barn by using the fly swatter to "herd" them in the right direction.

Adventures Online

Elmo and Zoe Pretend

Elmo teaches Zoe how to pretend to be a duck.

<https://sesamestreetincommunities.org/topics/learning-through-play/?activity=elmo-zoe-pretend>

Pretend play is an important part of learning and growing. Help your toddler pretend to be different animals. Show them how to move and what sounds to make.

Sensory Time

Moon Sand

Materials:

- 2C. Flour
- ¼ C. Baby oil or vegetable oil
- Air-tight container or plastic storage bag

Instructions:

1. Mix flour and baby oil well
2. Place in an open container or on a tray and show your toddler how to make shapes, dig holes, and bury small toys.
3. Store in an air-tight container

Alternate Recipe

- ¾ C. baking powder or soda
- ¾ C. corn starch
- 1 C. vegetable oil

Mix baking powder or soda and corn starch. Add oil 1/4 C. at a time to get to your preferred texture

Story Time

Go on a Book Safari

Look through the books or magazines you have at home and find all of the animals. Name the animals and what sounds they make. You can also talk about what they eat, how their skin or fur might feel, and where they live.

Arts and Creativity

Bunny Hop

Make bunny ears with your toddler and then do the bunny hop!

Materials:

- Three sheets of plain paper
- Pink paper or pink crayon
- 2 popsicle sticks, pipe cleaners or small sticks from outside
- Glue
- Scissors
- Tape



Instructions:

1. Fold the first two pieces of paper into thirds, then tape them shut.
2. Tape them together end-to-end to form a long band.
3. Measure the band around your child's head, and then tape the paper together to form a headband that wraps around your child's head like a crown.
4. Cut out two rabbit ears with paper. Your child can decorate with the pink crayon, or with pink paper and glue. Glue or tape the sticks to the inside of the ears, and then tape the ears to the headband.

Bunny Hopping

Give kids a variety of "hopping" commands such as:

Hop in one place

Hop and turn in circles at same time

Hop on left/right foot

Hop backwards, sideways, make a square or circle

Hop over a line

Hop with a partner

Hop to different rhythms (clap hands, use drum, music, etc)